The translation of this story being handed about among the ladies of the Court at length reached the hands of the Queen, who thereupon sent L,r her godson and severely censured him for endangering the manners of her ladies with so bawdy a tale, laying on him a punishment to translate the whole of the work before he should again be allowed to come into the presence

nth March PURITAN DISCONTENTS

There is much discontent at this time amongst those that favour the Puritan principles, for the labouring and striving to bring in a uniformity causes, and seems likely to cause, nothing but desolation The best and faithfullest preachers, say they, are cast into prison, sometimes being closely shut up from the speech and company of their dearest friends, degraded and deprived of their livings, some even having six or seven children, who are sent begging, for all the pillars of the church would do for them Mr Cartwnght has lam in the Fleet since September , Mr Fenne of Coventry with many more is in the Clink , Udall, a profitable preacher of Kmgston-on-Thames, lies sentenced to be hanged for a book called *Demonstration of Discipline*, and having been condemned before as its author, they now try to make him acknowledge it as his doing His life is spared hitherto by the intercession of Sir Walter Ralegh All these things seem but a way to bring in popery, for atheism is here already, and soon will overflow the land It is rumoured that a general demand is proposed not only of the ministry but of all who bear public office throughout the land to subscribe that the authority of the bishops is lawful by God's Word When the Lord Treasurer was asked to subscribe to it, he

answered, [e] It is lawfully the positive law , but to say it is lawful by the Word of God, that is another matter ' There the matter stayed for the time

12th March RUMOURS

The loans that are being levied are to meet the triple charge for the companies in Brittany, the ships at sea, and the army coming from Germany Men are willing to pay because they see the necessity for helping the King of Navarre, and are angry that the Council did not help him more roundly

The not naming of a Secretary to succeed Sir Francis Wal-